

ALL ABOUT THE

# CIA



*An activity book*

# Welcome

This activity book is intended to give you a glimpse into the world of the CIA. It will teach you about some of the international crimes against humanity that the CIA will never be held accountable for. It also has puzzles!



I'm Allen Dulles, CIA director from 1951-1963. I oversaw coups in Guatemala, Iran, Laos, North Vietnam and the Congo, and operations like MK-Ultra.

I'm René Schneider, Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army. I was murdered by the CIA to allow the Chilean military to stage a coup against President Salvador Allende.



I'm George H.W. Bush. Yep that one. I was the CIA director at the height of Operation Condor and as Vice President I was involved in Iran-Contra. I died at age 94, content, remorseless, and unaccountable. Also, as President I gave you Clarence Thomas. You're welcome.



Hi, I'm Patrice Lumumba, Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo. After a military coup, I was executed by firing squad and dissolved in a barrel of acid. The CIA was actively plotting my death, but they deny any involvement.



# History

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was created in 1947, a successor to the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) that had operated during World War II. The CIA was tasked with intelligence gathering and covert actions to promote the American agenda globally.

Under longtime director Allen Dulles, this agenda refined into fighting Communism (or perceived Communism) on the world stage. This has taken the form of supporting right wing dictators, funding and training right wing death squads, and supporting and orchestrating coups against the leaders of other sovereign nations.

It's important to note, the CIA isn't a law enforcement agency, they're an espionage organization. They have no legal basis other than what is given to them by the United States, and they have no meaningful oversight. They operate across the globe and their budget grows every year.

The existence of the CIA has become so normalized that it's often hard to take a step back and look at the CIA for what it really is: An arm of the United States government unilaterally enacting policy through extrajudicial killings across the world.

Throughout this activity book you will find all sorts of puzzles and brain teasers that will teach you all about the CIA in roughly chronological order. The answers and sources for further reading can be found in the back, and remember, some of the puzzles are tricks, because the game is, of course, rigged.

## Did you know?

The CIA's budget is classified, but thanks to Edward Snowden's leaks the 2013 budget was revealed to be \$14.7 billion.

# Operation Paperclip

After World War II, the US launched a covert program to bring more than 1,600 scientists and engineers from Nazi Germany to the United States. These scientists included members and leaders of the Nazi party and many went on to have decorated careers at the US Army and NASA. Nazi war criminal Wernher Von Braun was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 for his role in the Apollo missions.

Can you find the Nazi among these respectable rocket scientists?  
Flip to the back to find the solution!



## Did you know?

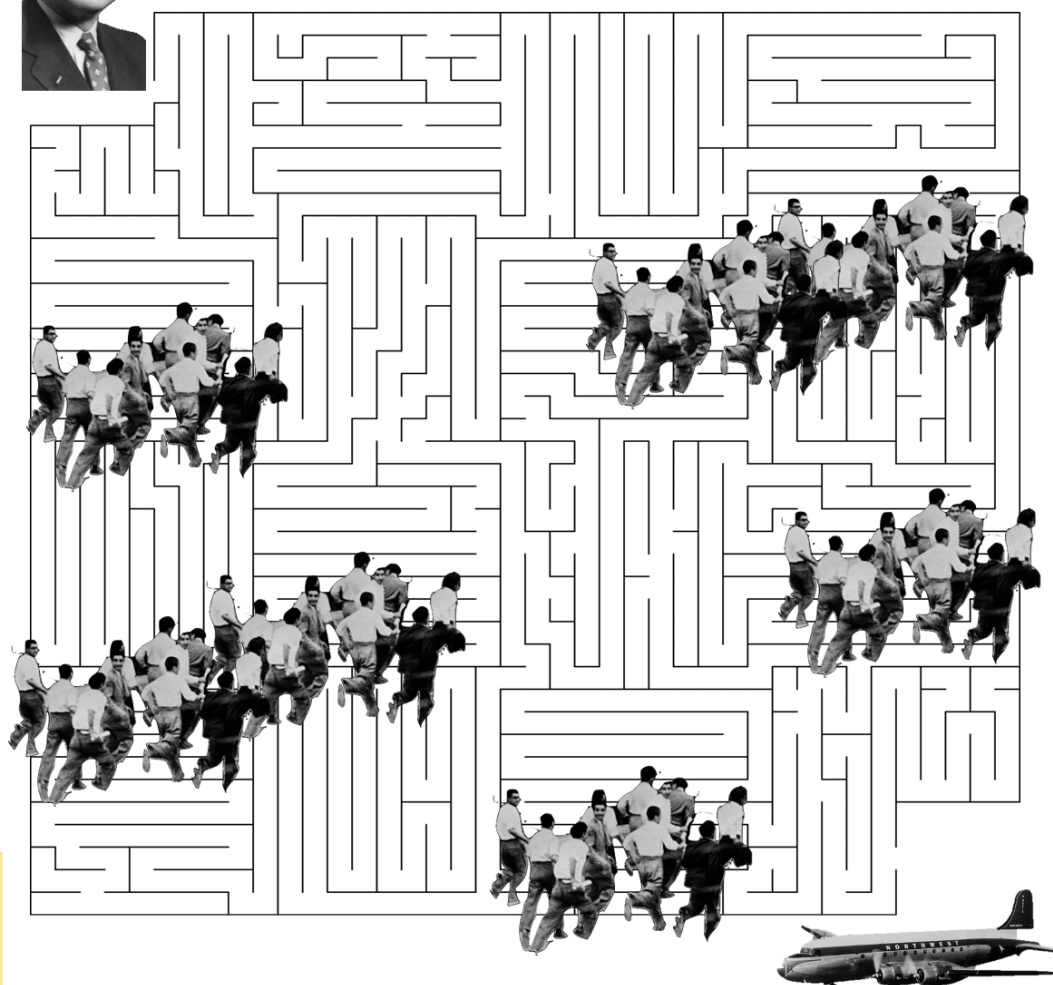
In the decades after WWII the CIA also directly recruited more than 1,000 Nazis to act as spies and informants, including Aleksandras Lileikis, who oversaw the murder of 60,000 Lithuanian Jews.



# Operation AJAX

In 1953, the CIA overthrew Mohammad Mosaddegh, the democratically elected Prime Minister of Iran. Mosaddegh wanted to nationalize Iranian oil, but the British and American governments (and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, today BP) wanted that oil for themselves. The coup restored power to the Shah, who was friendly to the US and foreign oil interests.

Can you help CIA agent Kermit Roosevelt escape the streets of Tehran and get to his waiting airplane while avoiding the crowds he paid to protest in the streets?



# Operation Gladio

After World War II, the CIA coordinated with European intelligence agencies to train and equip a stay-behind network of anti-communist (and often explicitly fascist) operatives who could be activated in the event of a Soviet invasion of Europe.

The countries in **white** had Gladio operatives, can you draw in defenders of freedom to oppose the red menace of the Soviets? Draw stars in Turkey for the Gladio-backed coup and in Italy for the Gladio-perpetrated murder of the prime minister.



# Spot the Difference

Guatemalan President Jacobo Árbenz had plans to redistribute land to Indigenous peasants. This threatened United Fruit Company's banana-based business model, so they lobbied the US government to overthrow Árbenz. One of these CIA operations was rejected and the other was implemented.

Can you spot the differences that made the second one justifiable?

## Operation PBFortune

Land reforms enacted by the Árbenz administration threaten the holdings of the United Fruit Company. The CIA will train and fund exiled Guatemalan army officer Carlos Castillo Armas, who will launch a coup from his hideout in Nicaragua and instate himself as dictator in 1952.

Status: Authorized by President Truman in 1952

**Aborted by the State Department once they found out**

## Operation PBSuccess

Land reforms enacted by the Árbenz administration threaten the holdings of the United Fruit Company. The CIA will train and fund exiled Guatemalan army officer Carlos Castillo Armas, who will launch a coup from his hideout in Honduras and instate himself as dictator in 1954.

Status: Authorized by President Eisenhower in 1953

**Árbenz deposed in 1954**

## Did you know?

The United Fruit Company still exists, in 1984 it became Chiquita.

# The Bay of Pigs

In 1961, the CIA recruited, trained and armed Cuban exiles living in Miami to stage an invasion of Cuba to overthrow the Castro government. The CIA hoped that news of invasion would lead to a national insurrection and the defeat of the communist leader. The 1,500 CIA backed forces made landfall, but quickly found themselves outnumbered by the Cuban Army.

Below is a photo from the invasion, can you find the CIA air support?

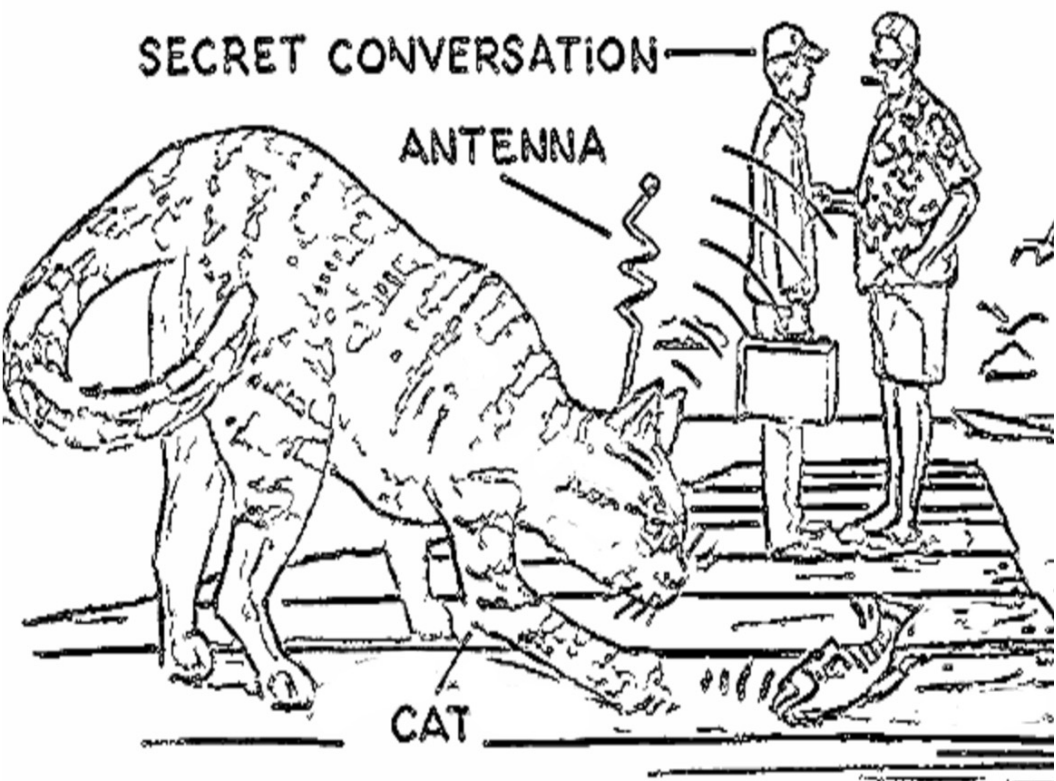




# Operation Acoustic Kitty

In the 1960s, the CIA spent \$20 million (the equivalent of more than \$175 million today) on Operation Acoustic Kitty. CIA scientists surgically embedded a wireless transmitter and microphone into the body of a cat and planned to use the cat to listen in on covert operations.

The project was discontinued in 1967 when the CIA decided that it "would not be practical."



## Did you know?

After the first test, the cat ran into traffic and was killed.

# Reassemble the Shredded Document

The CIA is famous for burning and shredding documents. Much of the records of CIA activities in the 1950s, including the coups in Iran and Guyana and covert actions in Indonesia, have been destroyed. The CIA reports that these records were destroyed because “their safes were too full.”

While burned documents are unrecoverable, some shredded documents can still be decoded. After the seizure of the US Embassy in Tehran in 1979, Iranian intelligence was able to reassemble enough poorly shredded CIA documents to publish a 77 volume collection entitled “Documents from the US Espionage Den”

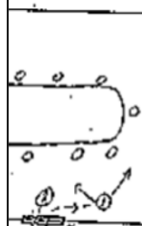
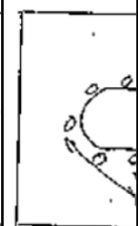
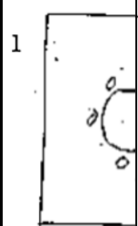
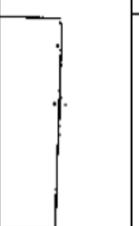

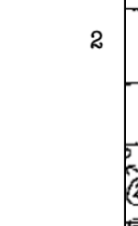
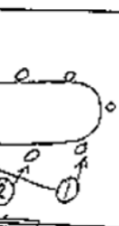
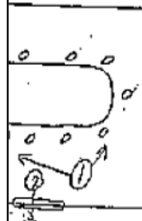
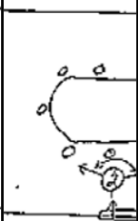

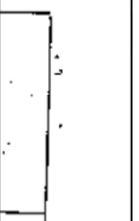
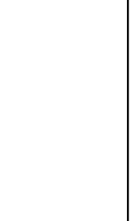
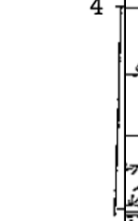
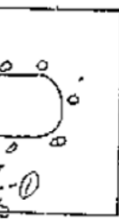
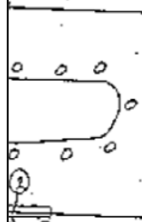
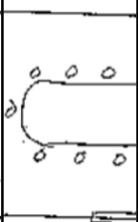

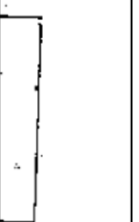
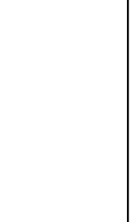
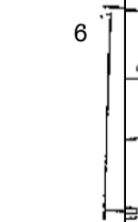
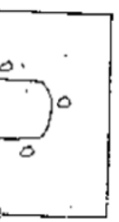
This is an actual document found in the training files for Operation PBSuccess (the 1954 CIA backed coup in Guatemala).

Cut it out along the vertical lines and reassemble the document shreds to reveal the declassified secrets.

## Did you know?

Kermit Roosevelt, architect of the Iran coup, refused to participate in the Guatemalan coup for moral reasons.

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# MKUltra

In 1973, the public learned of MKUltra, ongoing CIA experiments on brainwashing and mind control that had been tested on American citizens without their knowledge or consent. Most MKUltra files were destroyed in 1973 by CIA Director Richard Helms, but several thousand were misfiled and later declassified.

Can you reveal the hidden message to see what the CIA learned from 20 years of study (that violated the Nuremburg codes)?



## Did you know?

In 1953, MKUltra head Sidney Gottlieb repeated drugged his colleague Frank Olson with LSD without Olson's knowledge. Olson became paranoid, tried to resign and then killed himself.

# Spot the Front

The CIA operates, maintains and supports a large number of front organizations, including many airlines. Which of these airlines are CIA fronts and which are terrible for normal airline reasons?

American  
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Southwest®



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# Killing Castro

The CIA famously tried to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro more than 600 times. Can you decode their methods?

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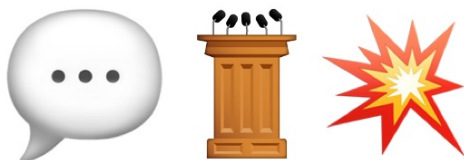
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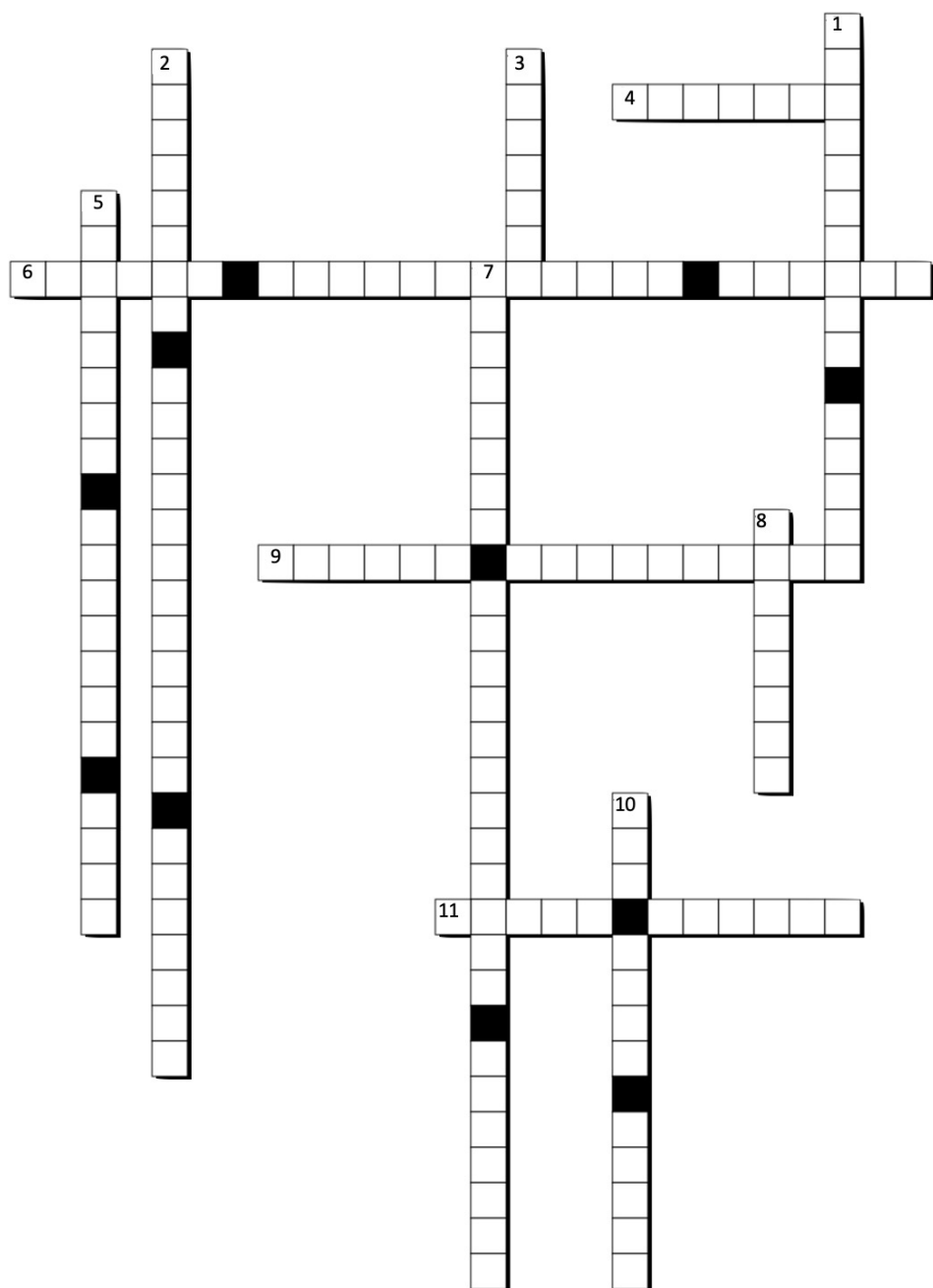


# Operation Mockingbird

The 1976 Church Committee report revealed that the CIA had used the media to influence public opinion and distribute propaganda domestically and abroad. In 1977, reporter Carl Bernstein expanded on this revelation and named a number of press organizations that had relationships with the CIA.

1. Nonprofit news agency, publishes an industry standard stylebook
2. Where you go to meet the press
3. International UK-based news agency
4. Broadcasting company, home of the national spelling bee
5. Magazine famous for its Norman Rockwell covers
6. Radio network that brought you The Shadow and the Lone Ranger
7. Home of the Brady Bunch, Grey's Anatomy and Abbott Elementary
8. Weekly news magazine, made OJ darker
9. Basis for Citizen Kane and "Remembering the Maine"
10. The Grey Lady who broke the Pentagon Papers and now hosts some of the worst op-eds you've ever read
11. Florida-based newspaper, distributed throughout the Caribbean and Latin America

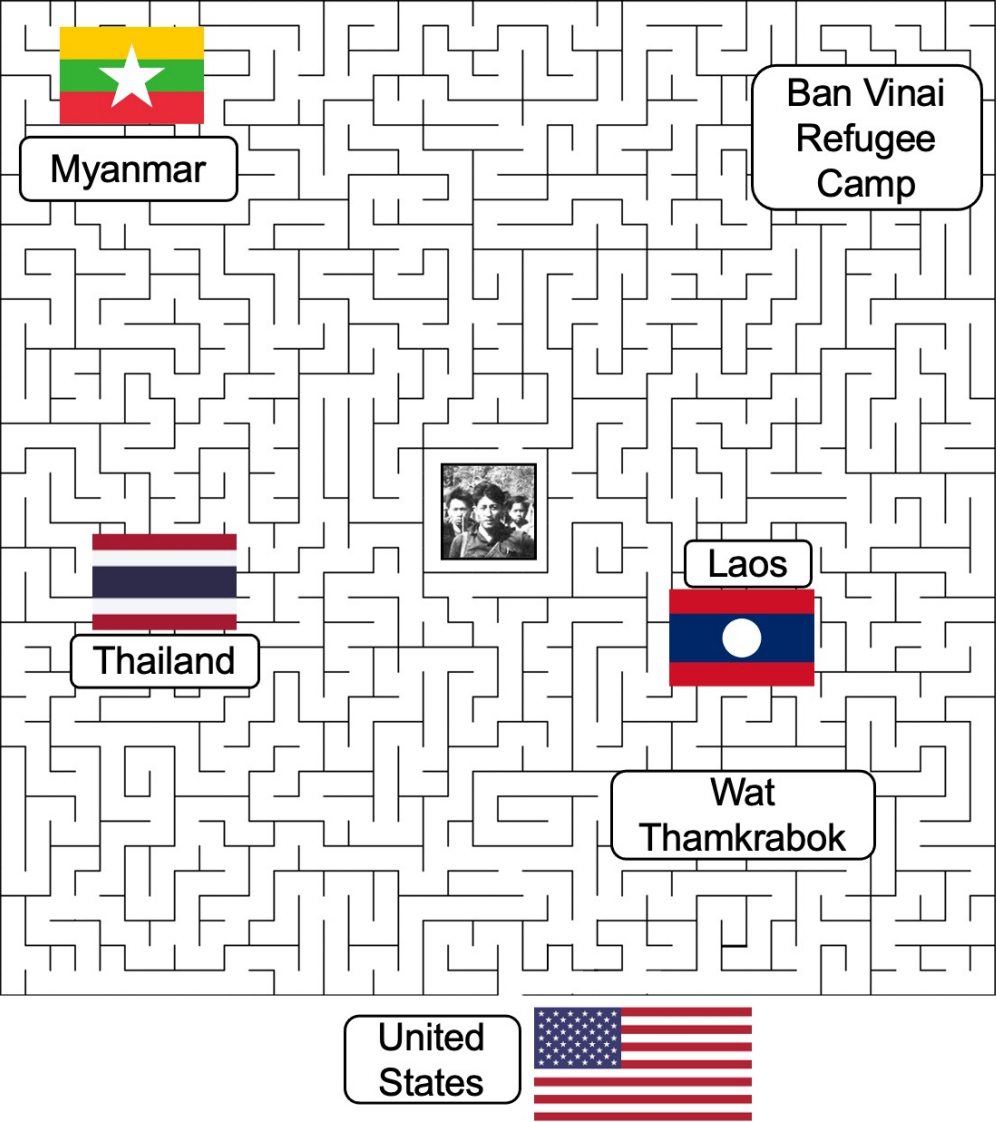




# The Secret War

Beginning in the late 50s, the CIA began recruiting, training and arming thousands of Hmong men and boys to fight against communists in Laos as an auxiliary to the Vietnam War. After the war ended, the CIA abandoned the tens of thousands of Hmong soldiers and their families to experience displacement and genocide for their involvement with the US in the war.

Can the CIA help these Hmong soldiers escape to the United States?



# Disappearing Dissidents

Operation Condor was a campaign of state terror and political violence that formally began in 1975 and ran until 1989, with the CIA funding and training the death squads of military dictators in South America.

Estimates are that more than 50,000 were killed, 30,000 were disappeared, and 400,000 were imprisoned. Involved from the beginning was US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Can you untangle which of these countries coordinated with Kissinger as a part of Operation Condor?



## Did you know?

Tom Lehrer once said "Political satire became obsolete when Henry Kissinger was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize."

# Coups

The CIA has been involved in overthrowing a number of democratically elected leaders.

Can you match each leader to their country and the aftermath to the coup?

**Jacobo Árbenz**

British Guiana

**Patrice Lumumba**

Guatemala

**Cheddi Jagan**

Chile

**Sukarno**

Republic of  
the Congo

**Abd al-Karim  
Qasim**

Ghana

**João Goulart**

Indonesia

**Mohammad  
Mossadegh**

Brazil

**Salvador Allende**

Iraq

**Kwame Nkrumah**

Iran



Made honorary co-president of Guinea, where he died in exile

Re-elected president in 1992

Executed after the Ramadan Revolution

Executed and dissolved in sulfuric acid

Assassinated in exile

Heart attack in exile

House arrest until his death

Committed suicide as the presidential palace was being captured

Also house arrest until his death

Military dictatorship of Mobutu Sese Seko and two civil wars

Power restored to the Shah

A series of coups

The military dictatorship of Suharto and 1 million massacred by CIA trained death squads

Constitution suspended by the British

A civil war lasting until 1996, 200,000 civilians killed and a genocide

21 years of military dictatorship and human rights violations

27 years of military dictatorship under Augusto Pinochet

A military junta and destruction of the economy

# Operation Cyclone: Spot the Difference

From 1979 until the fall of the Soviet Union, the CIA supplied training and billions of dollars in weapons to Afghan Mujahideen to fight the Soviets in Afghanistan. Some of these Mujahideen later became the Taliban. Take a look at the two pictures below.

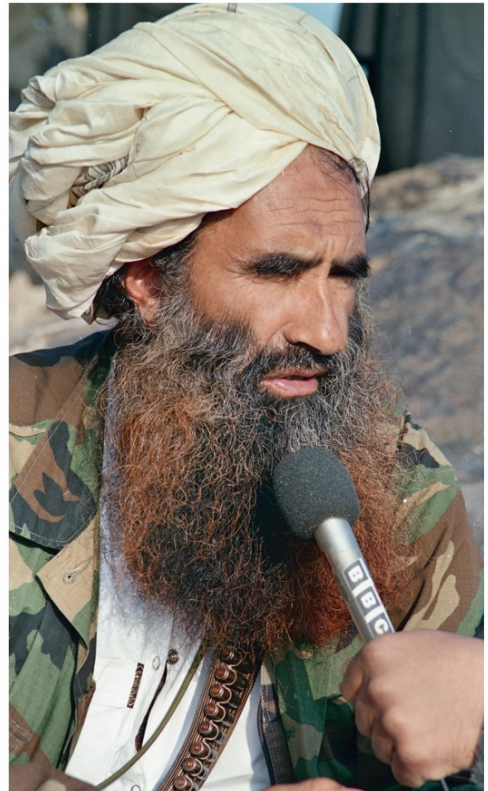
## Left:

Jalaluddin Haqqani, an anti-Soviet warrior and prized CIA asset, described as “goodness personified” and “a freedom fighter” by US officials

## Right:

Jalaluddin Haqqani, a terrorist warlord, Taliban ally, and close associate of Osama Bin Laden, responsible for kidnappings, beheadings, an ethnic cleansing against the Tajik populations, credited with introducing suicide bombings into Afghanistan.

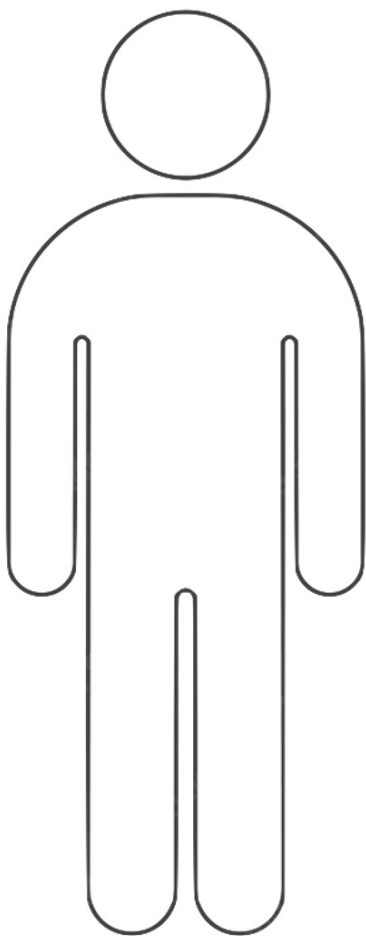
Can you spot the differences between the two?



# The Hunt For Bin Laden

In 2011, the CIA staged a Hepatitis B vaccination program to gather intelligence on the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden. The DNA gathering may not have actually worked, but you can't blame the CIA for trying!

Can you disguise this CIA agent as a doctor?



Don't forget to draw:

Stethoscope



Surgical Mask



Needles  
and  
vaccines



1.3 million  
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# Decryption

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) gives a person the right to request federal agency records. Agencies can still redact information on requested record. Below is a declassified memo that longtime CIA director of public affairs Herbert Hetu sent to the CIA legislative councilor George Cary. Can you decrypt it?

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# Iran-Contra

Can you solve a real life international crime? Once you have your answers circled, flip to the end to see if you've gotten it right.

In 1979, the US began a trade embargo against Iran. In 1981, The US used the CIA to support the Contras, a militia rebelling against the socialist Sandinista government. The Contras' biggest source of money was the cocaine trade. In 1984, Congress passed the Boland amendment, prohibiting the use of government funds for the Contras.



President **Ronald Reagan** and Vice President **George HW Bush**, with the support of CIA director **William Casey** directed **Robert McFarlane** and **John Poindexter** to sell \$30 million worth of missiles to Iran, through Israel. LTC **Oliver North** funneled \$18 million of this money to the Contras, with the assistance of 4 CIA officers.

Circle in BLUE what you think the crime was

Circle in RED the people you think are guilty

Underline the people you think were found guilty

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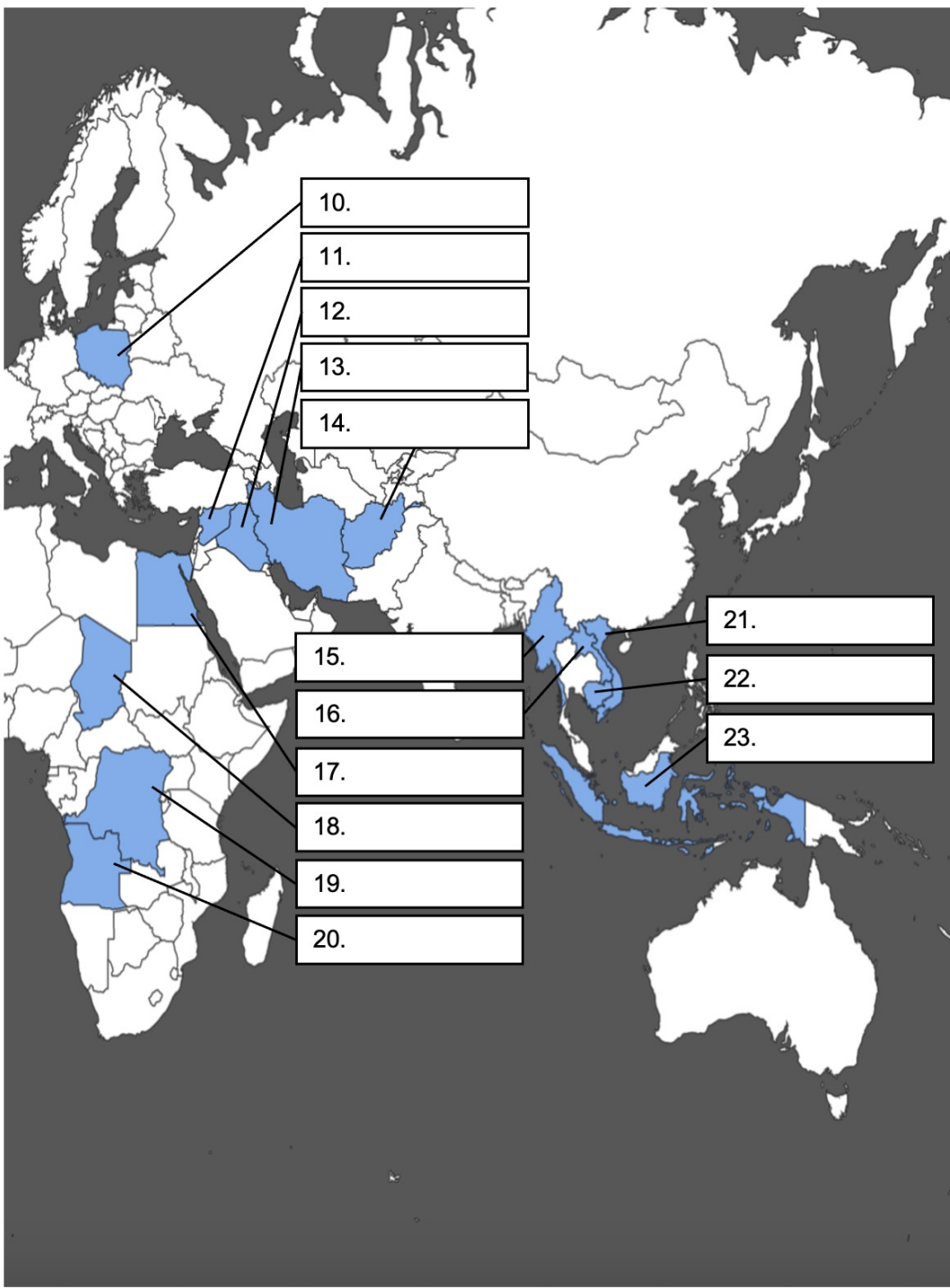
In Nicaragua vs. United States, the International Court of Justice found the US guilty of violating Nicaraguan sovereignty and fined them for supporting the Contras. The US refused to pay and blocked enforcement at the UN.



# The CIA around the world

The CIA really gets around! Can you label the countries whose leaders the CIA has overthrown?





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# “Enhanced Interrogation”

In 2002, the Bush administration granted the CIA’s request to use torture to extract information from captives. “Enhanced interrogation” revealed no actual intelligence, and no US government official has been held accountable for these human rights abuses.

Can you fill in the blanks to unlock what the techniques all have in common?

ATTEN\_ION GRASP

FACIAL H\_LD

COLD TEMPE\_ATURE

WA\_ERBOARDING

DIETARY MANIP\_LATION

WALL S\_ANDING

SL\_EP DEPRIVATION

## Did you know?

In 2005, the CIA destroyed videotapes of enhanced interrogation, noting “the heat from destroying [the tapes] is nothing compared to what it would be if the tapes got into public domain- it would be devastating.”

## In Conclusion

The CIA will be the first to tell you that none of their agents have ever been the one to kill any foreign head of state. Regardless of whether or not this is technically true, it obfuscates the role the CIA has played in planning, funding, and enabling extrajudicial assassinations.

The CIA is not a law enforcement agency, they have no jurisdiction and therefore no constraints. To reiterate the introduction to this activity book, the CIA has no legitimate basis for their authority or actions. The entirety of their justification rests on the fact that the United States is powerful enough that it cannot meaningfully be held accountable on the world stage. No other country could get away with what the United States has done through the CIA.

From Allen Dulles to the presidents authorizing the assassination of foreign heads of state to the CIA agents running a brothel and dosing people with LSD in Operation Midnight Climax, all of them have been convinced that the actions they were taking were correct, necessary and justified. And to me, that is the most unsettling part.

We will never know the full extent of the CIA's history or their involvement in coups, terrorism, and repression worldwide. This is by design. The CIA is fundamentally unaccountable to anyone, even the security state that spawned it.

You cannot protest the CIA in any meaningful way. You cannot even protest the CIA by being the sovereign leader of your own independent country, that's the sort of shit that gets you killed. As long as the CIA exists, it is proof that on some level, the whole world is subject to the agenda of the United States.

### Did you know?

The CIA's 1947 charter prohibits it from operating in the US or spying on US citizens, but that hasn't stopped it!

# Operation Paperclip



They're all Nazis.

This photo of the Von Braun rocket team was taken in 1959.

For more of his speech

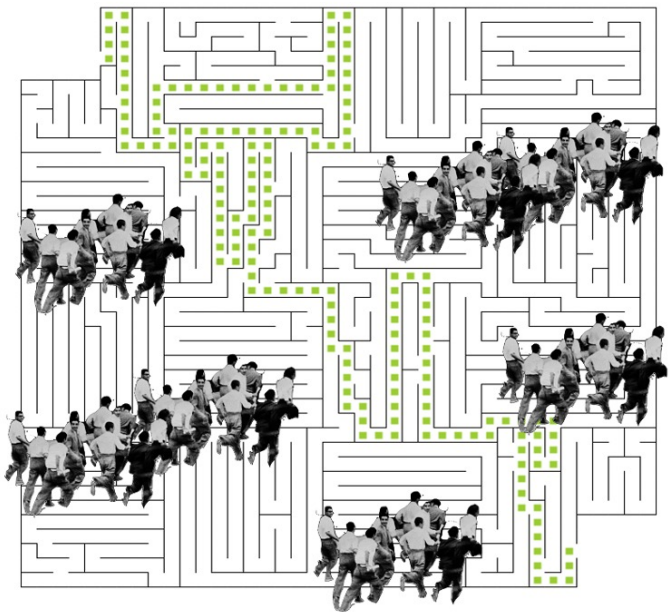
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## Operation Ajax

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As it turns out, cats make bad spies

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## Reassemble the Shredded Document

### A STUDY OF ASSASSINATION

#### JUSTIFICATION

Murder is not morally justifiable. Self-defense may be argued if the victim has knowledge which may destroy the resistance organization if divulged. Assassination of persons responsible for atrocities or reprisals may be regarded as just punishment. Killing a political leader whose burgeoning career is a clear and present danger to the cause of freedom may be held necessary.

But assassination can seldom be employed with a clear conscience. Persons who are morally squeamish should not attempt it.

#### TECHNIQUES

The essential point of assassination is the death of the subject. A human being may be killed in many ways but sureness is often overlooked by those who may be emotionally unstrung by the seriousness of this act they intend to commit. The specific technique employed will depend upon a large number of variables, but should be constant in one point: Death must be absolutely certain. The attempt on Hitler's life failed because the conspiracy did not give this matter proper attention.

Techniques may be considered as follows:

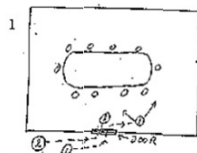
##### 1. Manual.

It is possible to kill a man with the bare hands, but very few are skillful enough to do it well. Even a highly trained Judo expert will hesitate to risk killing by hand unless he has absolutely no alternative. However, the simplest local tools are often much the most efficient means of assassination. A hammer, axe, wrench, screw driver, fire poker, kitchen knife, lamp stand, or anything hard, heavy and handy will suffice.

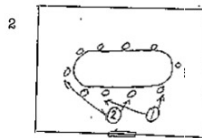
##### 2. Accidents.

For secret assassination, either simple or chase, the contrived accident is the most effective technique. When successfully executed, it causes little excitement and is only casually investigated.

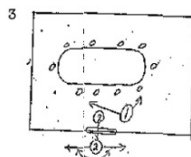
The most efficient accident, in simple assassination, is a fall of 75 feet or more onto a hard surface. Elevator shafts, stair wells, unscreened windows and bridges will serve. Bridge falls into water are not reliable.



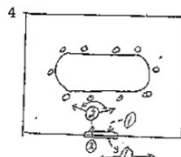
- (1) Enters room quickly but quietly
- (2) Stands in doorway



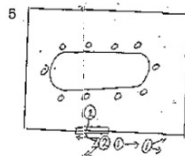
- (2) Opens fire on first subject to react. Swings across group toward center of mass. Times burst to empty magazine at end of swing.
- (1) Covers group to prevent individual dangerous reactions, if necessary, fires individual bursts of 3 rounds.



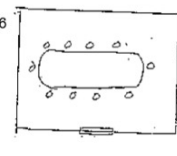
- (2) Finishes burst. Commands "Shift." Drops back thru [sic] door. Replaces empty magazine. Covers corridor.
- (1) On command "shift", opens fire on opposite side of target, swings one burst across group.



- (1) Finishes burst. Commands "shift". Drops back thru [sic] door. Replaces empty magazine. Covers corridor.
- (2) On command, "shift", re-enters room. Covers group: kills survivors with two-round bursts. Leaves: propaganda.



- (2) Leaves room. Commands "GO". Covers rear with nearly full magazine.
- (1) On command "GO", leads withdrawal, covering front with full magazine.



## For more about the CIA's record keeping

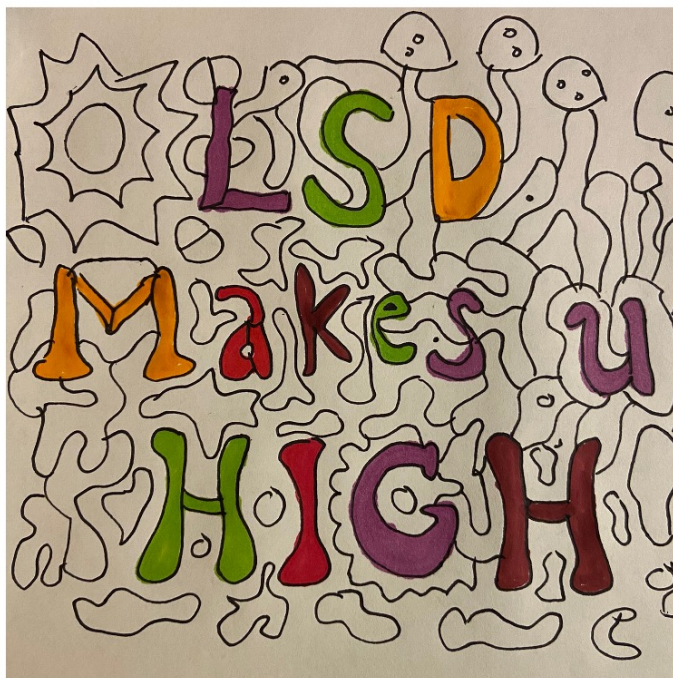
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## Killing Castro

1. Planting a conch shell with an explosive at his favorite diving site so when he picked it up it would explode.
2. Giving him a handkerchief with deadly bacteria on it
3. Convincing one of his mistresses to kill him
4. Slipping him a poisoned cigar
5. Blowing up his podium when he gave a speech
6. Poisoning his milkshake

Castro died in 2016, outliving 8 CIA directors and 6 Presidents who tried to kill him.

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The CIA denies the existence of Mockingbird to this day

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Associated Press              | 7. American Broadcasting |
| 2. National Broadcasting Company | Company                  |
| 3. Reuters                       | 8. Newsweek              |
| 4. Scripps                       | 9. Hearst Newspapers     |
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## The Secret War

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Because of the covert nature of the operation, many in the US didn't know about the Hmong contribution to the Vietnam War effort. For its part, the CIA considered the paramilitary operation a success because of its "small relative dollar cost." After his death in 2011, the US army denied a request from the family of General Vang Pao, the leader of the Hmong army, to be buried with military honors at Arlington.

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You can't spot the difference? You must not be CIA material. Haqqani joined the Taliban in 1995, and he wasn't the only Mujahideen leader to later join the Taliban. The CIA has never admitted to arming or training Osama Bin Laden during this era (and why would they?) It remains, in my opinion, very likely that Bin Laden was in the right place at the right time to benefit from the CIA anti-Soviet funding.

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The CIA trained the Bolivian military battalion that killed Che Guevara.

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All of these countries (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia) were a part of Condor, as well as Chile and Paraguay. Henry Kissinger is responsible for an estimated 3 million deaths. At this point, there is no meaningful way to hold Kissinger responsible for his crimes.

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President **Ronald Reagan** and Vice President **George HW Bush**, with the support of CIA director **William Case**, directed **Robert McFarlane** and **John Poindexter** to sell \$30 million worth of missiles to Iran, through Israel. LTC **Oliver North** funneled \$18 million of this money to the Contras, with the assistance of 4 CIA officers.

*Everybody got pardoned by President George HW Bush*

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Guatemala          | 13. Iran        |
| 2. Nicaragua          | 14. Afghanistan |
| 3. Panama             | 15. Myanmar     |
| 4. Brazil             | 16. Laos        |
| 5. Bolivia            | 17. Egypt       |
| 6. Chile              | 18. Chad        |
| 7. Haiti              | 19. Congo       |
| 8. Dominican Republic | 20. Angola      |
| 9. Guyana             | 21. Vietnam     |
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| 11. Syria             | 23. Indonesia   |
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They’re all TORTURE

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## Did you know?

In 2022, a single gold tooth, the only remains of Patrice Lumumba, were repatriated to the Congo by Belgium



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